

# Montana Historical Society

State Historic Preservation Office

## 2017 BIENNIAL

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS CEREMONY

JANUARY 20, 2017

MYRNA LOY CENTER, HELENA



**BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS—BILLINGS**

Outstanding Historic Preservation Stewardship

*(2017 Montana Historic Preservation Governor's Award)*



**ARVON BLOCK—GREAT FALLS**

Outstanding Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Project

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2:30 – 3:30 PM

all are invited to the reception following the ceremony

3:30 pm

Myrna Loy Center Lobby,

light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be offered.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society Director

**Opening Remarks**

Lieutenant Governor Mike Cooney

**Presentation of National Register Certificates**

Mark Baumler, State Historic Preservation Officer

Lieutenant Governor Mike Cooney

John Boughton, National Register Program Coordinator

(See list of properties)

**Recognition of Retired Review Board Members**

Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society Director

Lieutenant Governor Mike Cooney

**MIKI WILDE, HELENA**

January 16, 2008 – February 12, 2016

**JON AXLINE, HELENA**

January 9, 2009– October 1, 2016

**LESLEY GILMORE, GALLATIN GATEWAY**

January 9, 2009– October 1, 2016

## **Presentation of Historic Preservation Awards**

### **ARVON BLOCK**

Great Falls

#### **Outstanding Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Project**

Originally a livery stable when constructed in 1890, the Arvon Block now houses the Celtic Cowboy Pub and Restaurant, the Arvon Hotel, and the Darkhorse Hall and Darkhorse Wine Snug. In 2012, the State Historic Preservation Office and Great Falls/Cascade County Preservation Office jointly funded a feasibility study of renovating the historic Arvon Block, which at the time was in a total state of disrepair. The study spurred the rehabilitation of the building by a dedicated group of owners to its present condition. The utilization of Federal Tax Credits assisted the owners in the building's rehabilitation.

### **TESLOW PRESERVATION GROUP, LLC**

Livingston

#### **Outstanding Historic Preservation Advocacy**

Erected 110 years ago, the Teslow Grain Elevator in Livingston nearly had its reign end as the tallest structure in Livingston when it was slated for demolition in 2016. Hearing of the Teslow's imminent demise, the Teslow Preservation Group (aka "Save the Teslow"), organized and launched a fundraising campaign resulting in the structure's continued vigil over the town. The Group recently announced that construction will soon begin on the roof and the high house portion of the elevator, with much of the funding coming from Livingston citizens, foundations, and individual gifts and grants.

## **Presentation of Historic Preservation Awards**

**(continued)**

### **KIRBY MATTHEW**

Deer Lodge

#### **Outstanding Contribution to Historic Preservation**

For over 40 years Kirby Matthew has worked to preserve countless historic buildings and structures, bringing his acquired and learned skills to bear on resources in a variety of settings, many in some of the most remote parts of the wilderness. His expertise in building stabilization, rehabilitation, and restoration has resulted in other federal agencies outside the Forest Service requesting his and his team's assistance in preserving their historic resources. Despite "retiring" from the Forest Service, Kirby continues to advocate for the preservation of historic resources, while also serving as the Historic Preservation Officer for the city of Deer Lodge.

### **BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

#### **Rehabilitation of McKinley and Broadwater Elementary Schools Outstanding Historic Preservation Stewardship**

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Billings School District 2 faced a major decision: renovate two of the oldest schools in Billings or tear them down and construct new schools. Recognizing the importance and significance of the historic schools to the neighborhoods' identity, the school district placed a \$122 million bond on the ballot in 2013 that included rehabilitation of McKinley and Broadwater elementary schools. Voters passed the bond, reaffirming the importance of the schools to not only their neighborhoods, but to the greater Billings area. The passage of the bond resulted in historically sensitive remodels and additions designed by CTA Architects and implemented by Dick Anderson Construction and Hardy Construction companies, ensuring continued use of both schools well into the future.

### **Closing Remarks**

Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society Director

**MONTANA PROPERTIES LISTED IN THE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
2015 AND 2016**

***Blaine County***

**Ervin Homestead/Gist Bottom Historic District**  
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument  
Owner: Bureau of Land Management

***Carbon County***

**Camp Senia Historic District Boundary Increase**  
Custer Gallatin National Forest  
Owner: Custer Gallatin National Forest

**Rock Creek Ranger Station Historic District**  
Custer Gallatin National Forest  
Owner: Custer Gallatin National Forest

***Carter County***

**First National Bank of Ekalaka and Rickard Hardware  
Store Building**  
Ekalaka  
Owner: Town of Ekalaka

***Cascade County***

**East Side Neighborhood Historic District**  
Great Falls  
Owners: Multiple

***Fergus County***

**Stafford's Grocery**  
Winifred  
Owner: Brad Bergum

***Flathead County***

**Swan River Bridge**

Bigfork

Owner: Flathead County

***Gallatin County***

**Elkhorn Ranch Historic District**

Gallatin County

Owner: Elkhorn Ranch

***Glacier County***

**Rising Wolf**

St. Mary Lake

Owners: Scott and Barbara Burch

***Lewis and Clark County***

**Fort Harrison Veterans' Hospital Historic District**

Helena

Owner: Department of Veterans Affairs

**Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District**

Helena

Owner: State of Montana

***Madison County***

**Doncaster Round Barn**

Twin Bridges

Owner: Hamilton Ranch

***Missoula County***

**Maclay Bridge**

Missoula vicinity

Owner: Missoula County

***Missoula County (continued)***

**Patterson Building**

Missoula (University Area Historic District Addendum)

Owner: Alpine Property Investments, LLC

***Park County***

**Convict Grade Historic District**

Springdale vicinity

Owner: Park County

**Gardiner Jail**

Gardiner

Owner: Park County

***Ravalli County***

**Hayward Lodge**

Darby Vicinity, Bitterroot National Forest

Owner: Bitterroot National Forest

***Yellowstone County***

**Arnold Graf House**

Billings

Owner: Barbara Graf

**McMullen Hall**

Billings

Owner: Montana State University-Billings

**North Elevation Historic District**

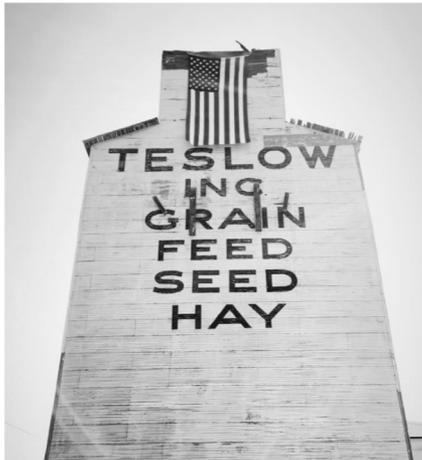
Billings

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